

Fort Harrison

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Mr. Charles F. Schilling
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Terre Haute, Indiana 47801

Dear Mr. Schilling:

The holdings of the Archives Division include the original field notes, surveys and tract books. Volume 2, plat 84 shows Township 12 North, Range 9 West and gives the dimensions of each Section. Section 4 is broken up into the following parts:

N $\frac{1}{2}$ E frac	103.32	acres
S $\frac{1}{2}$ E frac	89.51	"
N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ W frac	52.29	"
S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ W frac	84.00	"
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ W frac	93.00	"
S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ W frac	90.50	"

The tract books show that all this land was purchased through the Vincennes Land Office between 1824 and 1836.

Field Notes are available in Volume 10 North and West, pages 295-296 under the heading "Survey of a Tract of Land reserved for the use of Fort Harrison Lying On the E. side of the Wabash River, and Beginning at Corner of Fractions 8 and 17 T. 12 N. R 9 W on the Bank of said River." This seems to set out the area reserved for the Fort but does not pinpoint its location in Section 4.

Copies of this material can be obtained by Reader-Printer. Please let us hear from you if you wish this service.

Sincerely,

Helen S. Morrison

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Gentlemen:

In an attempt to determine the definite location of Fort Harrison in Section 4, Township 12 North, Range 9 West, Harrison Township, Vigo County, Indiana, we have been unsuccessful in finding any information locally.

We are enclosing a one page copy from Indiana Historical Society Publications "Early Indiana Trails and Surveys" Vol. 6, No. 3 which refers to technical location by government surveyors.

Since you have a copy of the original survey of the public lands of Indiana including original field notes, survey plats and tract books we are interested in knowing if any information such as dimensions and etc. are shown which could be used to reproduce the definite location of old Fort Harrison. If such information is shown please advise the availability and price of same. Many thanks for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Schilling
Charles F. Schilling
Vigo County Surveyor

CFS:rw
Enc.

Mr. Davis will
examine the letter
from May in Cham
in view to this
subject.

General Land Office,

John Graham Esq,
Acting Secretary of War.

May 11/61

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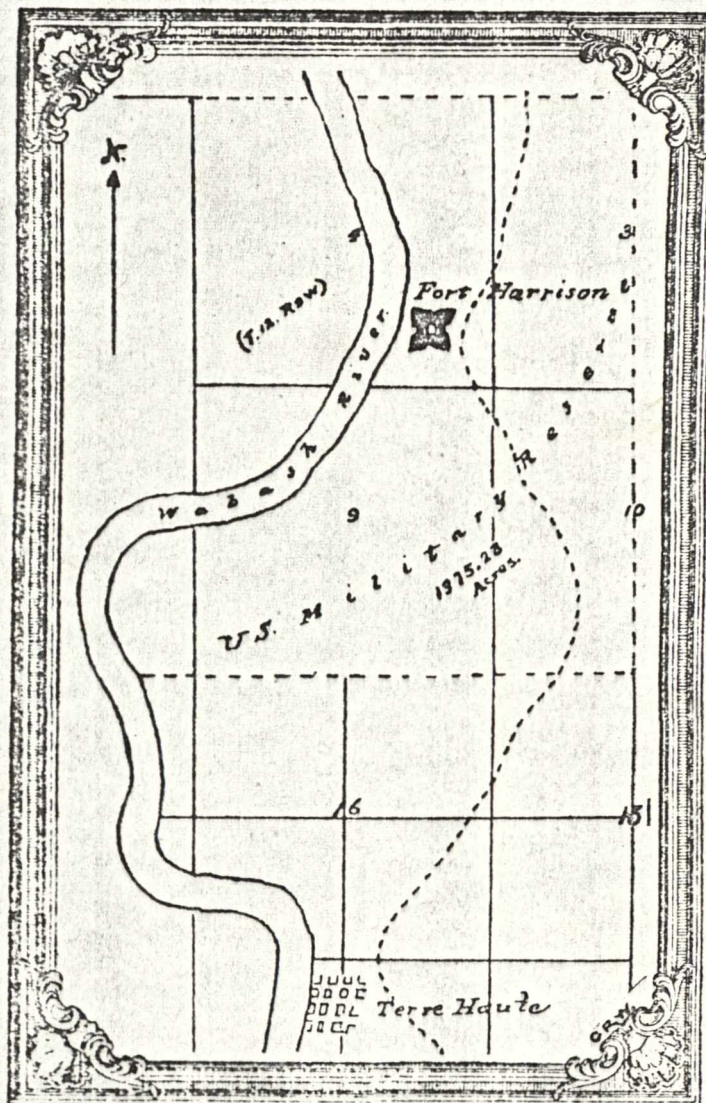


PLATE II.

The above is a tracing of the official government hand-made map with the technical figures of the surveyor omitted. The tracing shows only that part of the reservation nearest the fort.

TECHNICAL LOCATION OF FORT HARRISON.

Fort Harrison was located by the government surveyors in section 4 near Terre Haute. The old Plat Book number 2, pages 84 and 85 has a very good drawing indicating the location of the fort. The military reservation around it contained 1,375.23 acres. Another military reservation of 487 acres was located across the river and to the north.¹⁰³

(Page 6) Plat is at top of page, below it the following statement.

Part of Township No. 12 & North Range No. 9 West

Pursuant to instructions from Edward Tiffin(?) Surveyor General of the United States bearing date this day of August I have admeasured laid out and surveyed the above described tract of land which has been made choice(?) of and appropriated for the use of Fort Harrison by Major John T. Chunn commander of said place and do testify that it had such marks and bounds both natural and artificial as are represented on said plat and described in the field notes made thereof and returned(?) to the Surveyor General's office, from which field notes the following description of the corners(?) are a true copy.

S. Coleman L. S. Index 7 (?)

(The surveyors field notes have not been copied)

ed. 12th. Range No. 9 W. 2nd Mer. Ind.

Chs. Eke. Remarks.

1928 14. 00

10. 22

10. 62

16. 83

1. 29 to cor. of fractions 4 & 9.

William Harris, D. S.

Survey of a tract of Land reserved for the use of Fort Harrison lying on the East side of the Kabash River, and beginning at corner of fractions 8 & 17 T 12 N R 9 W on the Bank of said River.

Cor a Cottonwood 6 in. diam.

98 to cor. of secs. 8, 9, 16 & 17 - Old Cor.

a B. Walnut 24 in. diam. bars N 57 W 18 lks. &

a D^e 6 " " S 26 E 26 "

Between sections 9 & 16.

100 Old corner.

a W. Oak 8 in. diam. bars N 65 W 44 lks. dist. &

a D^e 10 " " S 25 E 27 "

100 To the Old corner.

a B. Oak 12 in. dia. bars S 81 E 8 lks. dist. &

a Sugar 12 " " N 34 E 40 " "

Between sections 10 & 15.

101 to 102 corner in prairie.

No drawings - made in mound.

Township N^o 12 N. Range N^o 9 W. 2nd Mer. Ind^a

CHS. LKS.

North From the last mentioned Cor.

40.00 Raised a Mound for Quarter Sec. Cor. Sec. 10.

80.00 Raised a mound for Quarter sec. Cor. Between Sections 3 & 10.

North From the last mentioned Cor.

40.00 Raised a Mound for q^r. sec. Cor. for Sec. 3.

76.20 Intersected Township line 47 lks. W. of the half mile post established for Sec. 34 T¹³N. R⁹W. And raised a mound for corner — No bearing trees.

West On the Township line between Secs. 3 & 34 Towns 12 & 13 N. R⁹W.

39.82 To old cor. of Secs. 3 & 4 T¹²N. R⁹W. from which a W Oak 12 in. diam. bears S 21 W 21 lks. distant a S^o 9 " " " East 64 "

West Between sections 4 & 33 T¹²&13N. R⁹W.

36.53 an Elm 8 in. diam. — Old corner.

On the River Bank —

Thence with the Meanders of the River, to the first mentioned corner.

Survey in By,

J. Coleman,

19 S.

Survey of Island N^o 1 in Secs. 28, 29, 32 & 33 from post in line of Secs. 28 & 33 on East Bank of River. Thence

West Between sections 28 & 33,

Ship No 13. N. Range No 9 W. 2nd Mer. Ind^a.

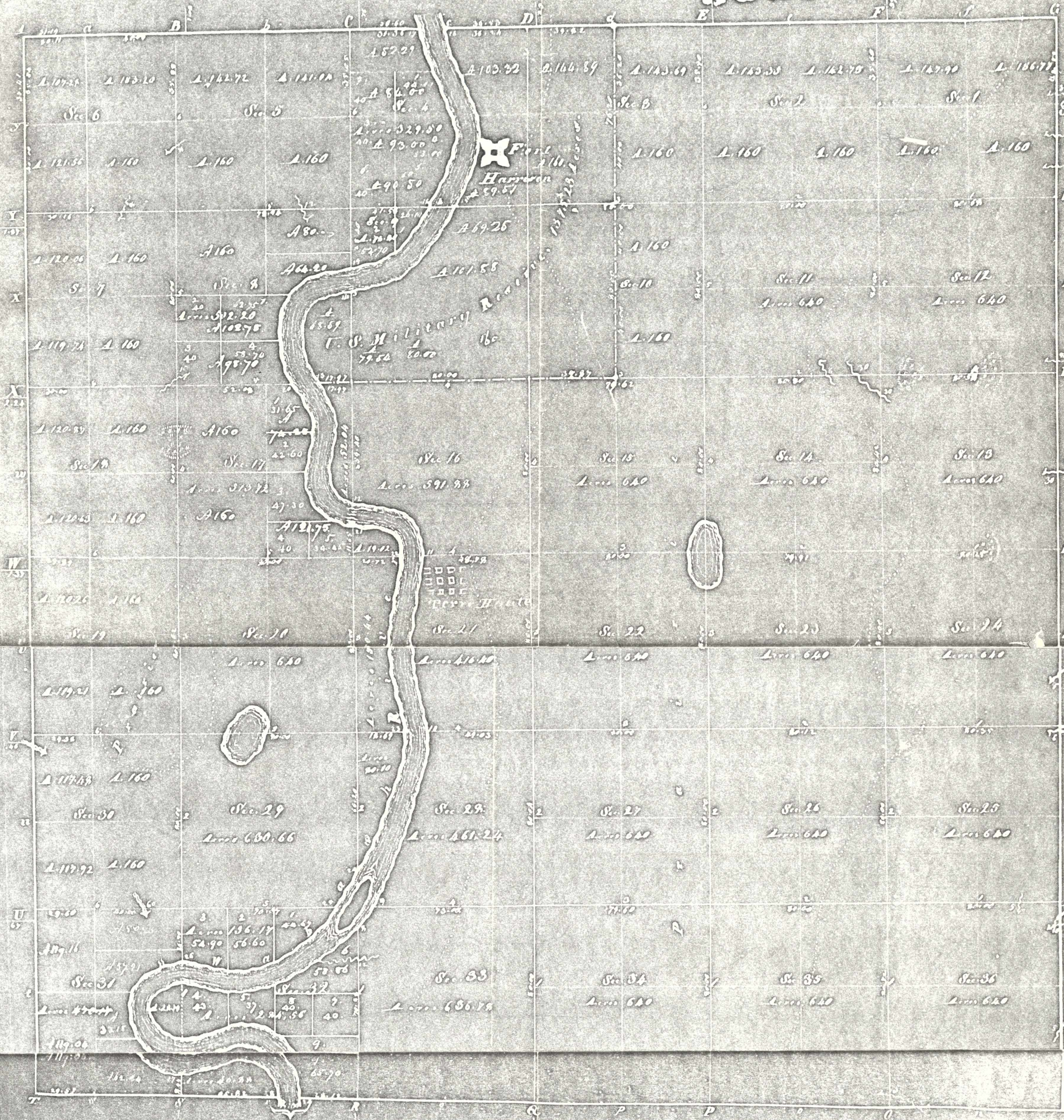
Surveyed by,
William Harris. D. S.

Survey of a Tract of land Reserved for the use of
St Harrison lying on the W. side of the Kabash. R.
beginning at Cor. of Tracs. 4th & 33rd T^h 12th & 13th N. R. 9th W.
from which a Walnut 28-S. 56 E. 2 lks. & a B. Walnut 36-
N 62 W 9- thence W 35 E 60 to cor. of Secs. 32 & 33 T^h 13 R. 9.
a W. Oak 40-S 64 E 58 lks. W. Oak 14-N 6 E 21 lks. Thence North
Between Secs. 32 & 33 T^h 13 R. 9- 40- to old half mile post
fr. wh. a W. Oak 20-N 64 W 27- lucky. 3- S 54 E 3- Thence West on
a Random line through Sec. 32- T^h 13 R. 9- 40- Emp post 80. 42
N. & S. line 40 N. of gp post - East corrected - 40- 51 post fr. wh.
a W. Oak 30- N 70 E 21- W. Oak 30-N 19 W 24 lks. - North from
1/2 m. post. between Secs. 31 & 32- a Sugar 30-N 34 E 49- W. Oak
18-S 20 W 8 lks. - 40- cor to Secs. 29, 30, 31 & 32- a Beech 30-
S 26 E 28- Sugar 12-S 78 W 22- East between Secs. 29 & 32
40 old half mile post- a Maple 18 East 7 lks. an Elm 4-
S 33 E 13 lks. 80 old cor. to 28, 29, 32 & 33- a Sugar 12-
S 36 E 30 - a B. Walnut 10-N 78 W 26- Thence East
Between Secs. 28 & 33. 25. 10 to the Kabash River. a
Maple 4-N 16 E 8- Maple 10-S 39 W 14- Thence with the
Meanders of the River to the first mentioned cor.
J. Coleman, D. S.

Survey of Island No 1. in Secs 16 & 21.
from post in line of Secs. 16 and 21 on N. W. bank
of River, thence
East Between secs. 16 & 21.
to post on Island from which
bottomwood 8 in. dia. bars S 60 W 25 lks. &

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N & W 2 P. M.



Township N° XII, Range N° IX West of 2nd Meridian. Surveyed by William Harris 1814

Description of the Soil on the interior Sectional lines

Total 21 662 7/8
= 3

Section	Quality &c.	Section	Quality &c.	Section	Quality &c.
25.36	best rate land	22.35	Dry rich prairie good for farming	21.32	Bottom land which overflows
25.36	best rate farming land	22.34	Same	20.32	Same
15.26	Same	22.28	Same	30.31	South & some North & low & flat
24.25	Same	22.27	Same	29.30	Same
23.24	Same	21.22	Same	28.29	Bottom which overflows
13.14	Same	15.22	Same	19.30	East & some North & some good farming land
12.13	Same	15.16	Same	19.20	Same
11.12	Same	15.15	Same	17.20	Same
10.11	Same	15.14	Same	18.19	Same
9.10	Same	15.13	Same	17.18	Same
8.9	Same	15.12	Same	16.17	Same
7.8	Same	15.11	Same	15.16	Same
6.7	Same	15.10	Same	14.15	Same
5.6	Same	15.9	Same	13.14	Same
4.5	Same	15.8	Same	12.13	Same
3.4	Same	15.7	Same	11.12	Same
2.3	Same	15.6	Same	10.11	Same
1.2	Same	15.5	Same	9.10	Same
		15.4	Same	8.9	Same
		15.3	Same	7.8	Same
		15.2	Same	6.7	Same
		15.1	Same	5.6	Same
		14.2	Same	4.5	Same
		14.1	Same	3.4	Same
		13.2	Same	2.3	Same
		13.1	Same	1.2	Same